

HILARIA:
OR
THE TRIUMPHANT
Feast for the fift of August.



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TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAIESTIE.



HE great Kings of Persia, (most noble Prince) before they wou'd sit at any Feast, they wou'd talke of Temperance; before they wou'd doe any sacrifice to their Gods, they wou'd speake of Iustice; and before they wou'd commence any warre with the enemies, they wou'd discourse of Fortitude; three principall great vertues, proceeding all frō Prudence: without which, Temperance is slothfulnesse; Fortitude is rashnesse; and Iustice meere iniury: for Vnica & sola virtus Principis, prudentia.

I haue presumed therefore (vnder your Maiesties fauour) to wriete these fewe Verses, to honour this our Tryumphant and sacred Feast, Hilaria, the fift of August: not as the Greekes, in their Feast Taurilia; nor as the Romanes,

THE EPISTLE

in their Feast Hecatombæon: but as Israel, with Musike, mirth and Feastes, and to sing Hymnes & Psalmes for our Triumphs, Feastes, and often victories: so did Israel for the victories of Moses ouer the Egyptians; of Saul ouer the Philistims; and of Dauid ouer the Chana-nites, with their feast Phase, at Ierusalem, and their Feast Phurim, in Persia.

And sith Angels feasted with men, ministred vnto men, and commanded Feastes to be kept of men, to put vs in remembrance of Gods benefits to men, we should not omit to giue thanks for it. For the old Lacedemonians, in their Feast Phiditia, where was more musicke and mirth, then meat or drinke, had their militarie dancing, and their Songs, Scholia, to commend the renowned worthines of such famous men, as defended and saued their Cities and Countrey, from the Persians and Macedonians.

So the Athenians, in their Feast Sisilia, where they obserued such Temperance, that they would not exceed five Dishes (by Platoc lawes) in private Feastes, called, Bellaria Attica: with such care, that they allowed but five Guests. Yet Homer allowed the whole number of Pitthagoras, which was ten: but in publike victorious Feastes,

Plato

TO THE KING.

Plato allowed 28. which was called Symposium Platonis: but when Greece began their first draught to Jupiter, and their last draught to Mercurius, then their lawe was, Aut biberent, aut abirent.

Among the ancient Romans, in priuate Feastes, it was decreed, there shoulde not be aboue seuen: for it was a common speach with the Romans, Septem conuiuum, nouem conuicium facere, then Rome by Temperance, being inferior to Spaine, in number, to the Africanes in subtilitie, to the Grecians, in wit and Stratagems: yet the, Victoria & Domina gentium. But when the late Emperours contended, who shoulde excel in riotous Feastes, Geta would haue as many dishes in his Feastes, as could be found vpon the name of euery Letter in the Alphabet. Lucullus would haue so many dishes in his Feast, as were Gods in Rome worshipped. Heliogabulus, so many dishes in his Feast, as could bee found in Summer colours out of the earth, and vpon the earth, that they soughe to exceed Vitellius feast: which was such (for the number of his dishes) that his became a By-word (for a long time) in Rome, Vitellianæ patinæ. This Feast, Vitellius himself named, Clypeum Mineruæ; which might haue bin better calld, Præludium Veneris.

THE EPISTLE

But God grant vs, that wee in great Britaine may, in perpetuall memorie of so great a blessing, giue thankes to God, for this our Tryumphant, Regall, and Crowned Feast.

Your Majesties most humble
and dutifull Servant,

Lod: Lloyd.



Faith, hope, charity, giving like unto earth, go forth like
earth, saving like unto earth, filling like unto earth,
Custodij and government, fortitude, justice, prudence.

Pactolus' fluyng Lydie Amore Armo' Cimbricus
in genro d'gno.

THE TRYVMPHANT FEAST

for the fift of August.

I.

Temperancia:



O Gemme, no Iewell, no
gold I giue,
No pearles from Pactolus,
lo: (stones,
No Persian Gaze, no Indian
Nor Tagus lands I show.
Farre greater gifts, I giue, O King,
if Poets may credite beare;
Foure Vertues great, all link'd in chaine,

a chaine for Kings to weare.

If Poets of force or feare be dumbe,
& Dodonean trees must speake:

If Angerona still be mute,
then stones will silence breake.

If men may vertue not aduance,

Memnos Image shall:

And the Olieu on Corebus graue,
these Halcyon dayes shall call.

Let Thracians bragge of Mars his sword:

let Greece, of Phabu shield:

Let Romans boast Quirinus speare:

to lone great thankes we yeeld.

For Trophees iust and Triumphs due,

for Feast to King of Kings:

Osanna in skie, Alleluiabs on earth,

both men and Angels sings.

a. Pactolus, fluyng h. b.
q. in olym offens bat am
w. ameta pride &
E. h. forso o dicitur &
s. habent in dimm
f. h. v. m.

b. fluyng in p. a.
a. m. aboyz arenas
f. m. x. lab.

Dodonea oxxidury
Exi. siexa odsyka
q. ex. m. fori. f. m. p. m.
qua. E. p. m. b. o. m. w. o. o. a
dabant.

Dodonea v. b. o. in ch. o. m.
Exi. Regio. f. x. o. q. m.
i. f. g. m. n. m. o.

Angerona
na. m. b.

f. l. m. t. y. t. m. b. G. d. e. s. s.

f. a. m. o. n. e. o. f. s. i. l. c. e. s.

Halcyon
dayes,
daies of
solace
& mirth.

Ge. 18.

The Tryumphant Feast

The Oke In Matbres, Abrahams Feast was deſt,
of Mam- where Angels three were Ghets: 3

pe. 19. bre, wher

abra. The like did Lot in Sodom keepe,
ham where Angels two did feaſt. 2

awels. With Musicke, mirth, with Hebrue ſongs,
the Jewes kept Phaſes Feaſt,
And Jewes in Peſia Phurim kept,
but not for Persian ghets. 2

The Indians feaſt at Ganges crownd,
the Greeks with Crowners on:

Tiara, or In Persian feaſt with Tyra on, 3 4 5

Sydris Their kings to tend vpon. 4 5

which the kings of Of all ſuch crownes as Kings were crownd,
Persia who best ſhould crowned be: 4 5

wore on They that conquered Kingdome ſix, 4 5 6
their or ſaued Kingdome ſix? 4 5 6

heads. Whofe names and fame ought famous be,
Due co- e'ne from the Iles of Orchades: 4 5 6

rnendati- Through lands, through ſeas, and Kingdome ſgreat, 4
ers of to the furthefte part of Gades. 4 5 6

ſome No- The cauſe why Curtius ſhould be in ſteele, 4 5 6
blemen in Court, or Decius wrought in brasse: 4 5 6

Curtius, Or both Philemy in Iuorit ſet, 4 5 6
& Deci- to ſauē their countrey, it was. 4 5 6

us ſame. Were Dion, Hermodius in liuer ſet,
who ſau'd two Cities free: 4 5 6

Their names ſhould ſure be in ſilver ſet, 4 5 6
that ſaued Kingdome ſix. 4 5 6

For Inſtice yelds, and Countreys claime
a Law:ell Crowne for ſuch, 4 5 6

Before ſuch bloody Conquerours Crownes,
like Scythian Tamberlaine much. 4 5 6

Shake

Denys for the fift of August.

Shake Morpheus off, take Maroes pen, Duigilues.

in Homer verse indite: Eluid Homer

Of Fame, of Vertue and vertuous men,

a second Iliad write.

Nor of Antonius lust in Rome, Antonius Antonius

Cleopatra love to please, Cleopatra Cleopatra Antonius Antonius Antonius

Nor Tarquins tame with fancies fond,

on Lucres chaste to seaze.

Though valiant Greekes for Priams Towne, Troy Priams

haue fil'd the world with fame: Towne

Yet Helens rape, by Priams sonne, Priams Alexand was

did Priams Towne defame.

The fault vnchaste Eneas did, Eneas Eneas

made Didoes brood rebell: Danthaginians

That Hanibals more for Dido dide, Regina Danthaginians

then Rome could Scipios tell.

The bowre which stoute Bellona holds, Bellona mata de lerebo foro

the Fort where Vesta breeds:

Mars could neuer shake that Fort,

where Temperance chaste doth feede.

Xerxes, that could eat vp Greece, Xerxes Xerxes Tempera finis

and drinke the Grecian seas: Xerxes Xerxes Tempera rance

E'ne Xerxes, that would be Tytancal'd, Xerxes Xerxes much commesa

could not Dame Temperance please.

Had strong Alcides conquered lust, Alcides Alcides

that conquered what he would:

By conquering lust, he had conquer'd more,

then strong Alcides could. Alcides Alcides Alcides Alcides

Could he that gain'd the world with fame, Alcides Alcides Alcides Alcides

gaine greater fame in life;

Then Syriambis honor saue, Syriambis Syriambis

great King Darius wife?

The Tryumphant Feast

Chasitie For Champions chaste more guerdon gain'd,
commen- than gain'd Achilles force,
ded. By slaughter great of Phrigian Knights,

or spoile of Hectors corse.

Que Phineas chaste staid Iudas plague:
one Joseph to Aegypt sold,

By Temperance chaste, in Aegypt did,
what he in Aegypt would.

Let Scipio seru⁵ Saturnus Tombe,
let Silla Apollo tend:

Let Numa waite the Egerian Nymph.
To loue our knees we bend.

Shall Temperance drinke of Cyrses Cup,
by Syrens thereto train'd?

By Shall Mars in Phaebus Chariot sit,
Vulcans through Vulcans Forge being stain'd?

Forge is Vertues then thus coupled fast,
meant, and link't like Homers chaine:

ge: 28 the adul- On Jacobs Ladder scale the Skies,
serie of and Crownes of glory gaine.

Mars
With Ve-
nus.

II.

Fortitudo.

Might Romans of Camillus bragged
might Greece of Thesens boast?

Might Perseus vaunt of Perseus Fame,
had Perseus Fame been lost?

Had Kingdomes heard of Cyrus Name?

Had worlds knowne Cæsars Fame?

Had Fame it selfe beene spoken of,
had Pen not writ the same?

Milciades

for the fift of August.

Milciades Fame and Tryumphs great,

Themistocles moou'd so much:

Themistocles said, he could not sleep,

Milciades Fame was such,

So Cesar laid of Philips sonne: *Alexander magnus*

so Philips sonne dismayd,

To heare what fame Achilles had,

Oh happie Achilles, said.

But Enuie still on Vertue tends,

even hard at Phocions heele,

And faine would clippe Timoleons wings,

Timoleons wings being steele.

Could Cesar brooke great Pompeyes fame,

whose fame the world embrac'd?

Or could Octavius well digest,

Antonius name so grac'd?

But who can square the winde with Line,

or fire in Ballance wey?

Who backe can call the day that's past,

or can mans minde display?

* Apelles thought no colours could

paint shining Phabus face:

Pithagoras, for Mercurius shape,

all Timber iudg'd too base.

Not one might play on Hermes Pipe,

sauce onely Orpheus could:

Neither one might ride Bucephalus on,

but onely one might bold.

What need I name the Prince that can,

if Justice doe him right:

Or seeke another Cesar out,

sith Fame hath nam'd the Knight?

Milciades fame
1552

Timoleon son =

Thys' Dny

meritno' vniuerso'

fortissimo' vitac'

abstinentissimo'

pictor se in pula dno

hoc se frappo. yni

meritno' diligentia

impudam quam nemo

impno' diffinire.

Bucepha-

lus, A.

lexandera

borse.

The Tryumphant Feast

The knot which *Gordius* knit so fast,
Philippis filig that could *Philippides* break: *magnis illopond*^s

The net which *Vulcan* made so strong,
it was for *Mars* too weake.

Oh, noble Prince, to *Martius* field,
among the Romane Crue:
Make challenge in *Olimpian* games,
Pentatlon claime for due.

lon, the Sound Trumpets for *Clitonens* out,
Ex- fuge *Eurialus* call to field:
Ereuses in *Clitine* combate for *Theagenes* crownes,
Greece, 'elle he his crownes must yeeld.
in the Games of Saile thence, and seek *Palladium* out,
Olympia. bring *Pepon* proud from *Greece*;
From *Greece* to *Colchos*, saile on, Prince,
attempt the *Golden Fleece*,
With *Ajax* claime, and challenge make
to *Achilles* Armour braue:
Let *Paris* lecke for *Giges* ring,
Menelaus Harpe to haue.

Dierni- dons, A- chille- youtters, Knights Seek & *Myrmidons* out; seek & *Piribus* Mates,
the Knights of *Dolops* Land:
Lead on your Knights, and claime the field,
from *Argiraspides* band.

of Do- lops, Pir- thus Sol- deers. Sit on Romane *Scipios* leate,
seek & out some *Carthage* new:
Let *India* be the vp-shot marke,
claime *Affricke* for thy due.

The kne- ly Image of Fort- tude. One *Scipio* made *Numantia* smoke;
One *Brennus*, *Rome* could shake:
One Noble *Britayne* may aswell,
make great *Toledo* quake.

A branch

for the fift of August.

A branch of Noble *Brutus* brood,
on *Cesars* fame to feede:

A bough of ancient *Dardan* stocke,
to honor *Hectors* seede.

Marcellus for his prowesse great,
The sword of *Rome* was cal'd:

All *Rome* haue said, old *Fabius* was,
the *Romane Target* stal'd.

Thebes made *Pelopidas* for their wals,
Pericles *Aijens* hand:

Still was *Lisander*, *Spartas* legges,
for *Sparta* on to stand.

One *Lion* thought *Leonidas* best,
before three hundred Deeres:
Then one poore featefull Deere, before
three hundred *Lions* peeres.

We haue *Leonidas* on before,
with *Marcellus* sword in hand;
In him we haue *Lisanders* legges,
For *Britaines* on to stand.

The Load-stone of great *Brittaine* soyle,
the Lampe that shines so bright:

The Fort where Fame and Man-hood lodge,
and Countreyes Candle-light.

The Persian Knights, *Melophori* cal'd,
on whom did *Persis* rest:

They ware but *Cyrus* name on sleeve:
Yours weare the *George* on brest.

The noble Bands of *Aegypt* Kings,
Calasiries sometime cal'd:

They had but *Pharaobs* Colours on:
Yours are with *Garters* stal'd.

Pelopidas.

Lisanders
praise.

Pericles.

The
kings of
Persias
old soldi-
ers.
Calasi-
ries, the
king of
Egyps
chiefe

Iusticia. band.

The Tryumphant Feast

III.

Insticia.

HAD Greekes beene growne so great in Fame,
had Persians fame not yell'?

Had Romans won halte that renowne,
had Greekes their greatness held?

*Cyrus
fame.* Then worlds did yeld to Cyrus sword,
till Philips sonne grew great.

*Alexan-
ders
greatnes.* The earth would no Alexander more,
then Skie for Sunne had seate:
Could Asia two Antiochus hold?
could Greece two Philips pleafe?

Could all the Kingdomes in the world,
Philips Sonne appeafe?

Grow great who can in Countreys caufe,
(for Countreys caufe is great:)

Let that man great, come Crowned in,
to sit in Countreys seate.

The Nemean Lyon, the Bore, the Bull,
which Hercules great then fiewe:

To winne great Hercules fame it was,
which was by Inſtice due.

*These
120.
Knights
were en-
tombed
by Alex-
ander
the great.* The hundred twentie Asian Knights,
slaine in Adrasdes field,

For Countreys caufe were fet in brasse,
on Marble Pillars build'.

Then Lyons whelps, and Gyants brood,
the Brood with fame doth breed:

With care alike of Britayne great,
let not great Britayne bleede.

Of

for the fift of August.

Of Jacobs truce, with *Laban* made:

of *Joshuas* League doe thinke:

And pitch, in witnessse, *Samuels* stone,
from *Brittayne* not to shrinke.

These *Centaures* brood, their weapons dipt
in *Nessus* blood, for foyles:

These armed *Moabs*, to *Moabs* sayd,
Rise, *Moab*, to the spoyles.

What could *Eumenides* whelps haue done,
like *Carons* dogges, but rauie,
Which long in *Lerna* lurkt, and lookt,
Tauritias Feast to haue?

While Sunne stood ouer *Gabaon* still;
while Moone ouer *Aialon* stayde:

While starres in Skies for Kings did fight,
what need good Kings of ayde?

Can *Vertue* quayle, when *Romulus* staffe
could not by fire consume?

Can *Fame* take foyle, when fire durst not
on *Pirrhus* to presume?

Seeke then the Brood where *Achab* breeds,
seeke out *Palemons* den:

Seeke *Roman* *Saturnes* secret Caues,
spare not to spoyle such men,

That are of *Tubals* soile, and looke
when *Albions* Banners fall:

And succour seeke in *Cyttim* Land,
to worke great *Brittaines* thrall.

Who ride on *Pegasus*, as swift as winde,
with *Seroriuss* Hinde doe talke,

And send *Architas* woodden Doues,
with Buls from *Rome* to walke.

Centaurs
brood.

The
praise of
Vertue.

The Scen-
ter, Ro-
mulus
Staffe,
called
Litus.

These

The Tryumphant Feast

These *Scorpions* like *Atienian Snakes*,
whose natures strange are such:
That they do sting their neighbours by,
but strangers neuer touch.
They seeke with *Pharton, Phabus* charge,
with *Pharton* downe they shall:
They thinke to flye with *Icarus* wings,
they must with *Icarus* fall.

Supersili- Their Magiske Ring, their *Salomons Key*,
tious Pa- their statre of *Rempha* tail'd &
ffricie. Their Figure mist, their *Dagen* fell,
Their Planets quite are quail'd.
No fire can hurt the *Diamond* pure,
no hust the *Emerauld* touch:
No dung hill can intect the Sunne,
their vertues rare are such.
Could hungry *Lyons* on *Daniel* prey?
could fire on *Sidrach* seaze:
Might fish in Sea on *Jonas* feed,
when these their God did please?
This King hath *Eclus* at command,
this, *Neptune* great can checke:
This hath the Sunne, the Moone, the Stars,
and heauens all at a becke.
Could *Pharaos* force on *Moses* fall?
could *Saul* worke *Davids* woe?
Could *Eesus* wrath on *Jacob* feede,
when *Jacobs* God said, No?
Shall Spanish bragges, or Romish pride,
whom *Gethes* to conquer could:
Whom *Vandalis* brood, and *Agars* feede,
as *Ieruile* flaues haue sold,

Such

for the fift of August.

Such Scythian tokens send to Rome,
as was to Persia sent?

A Mouse, a Frogge, a Spatrow, a Shaft,
whereby the Scythians meant;

They should run like Mile, or swimme like Frogs, us, king
or Sparrowes like should flee:

Else Scythians shafts should Persians daunt,
which Persians straight should see.

The
Scytha-
ns Em-
bassage
to Dars-
of Persia.

III I.

Prudentia.

NOW *Atlas* heauy loaden comes,
with world of Globes on backe,
Saith, *Fortitude* is that famous King,
which Kingdomes keeps from wracke.

Simandius comes with *Justice* in,
and *Injustice* most commends,
And saith that *Justice* is that King,
which Kingdomes all defends.

More force, saith *Temperance*, in *Samgars* goade,
then in *Pbilistian* swordes:

More strength in little *Danids* sling,
then great *Golias* words.

Then *Prudence* laid, and *Sentence* gaue;
Be wise as Serpents be:

For wisedome binds such Serpents fast,
lest Serpents such go free.

As fire in Flint is found by sleight,
and oyle in Iette by heate:

So wisedome most, by vertue sought,
and not by forces great.

C

In

The Tryumphant Feast

In midſt of Peace, and quiet reſt,
in Armes would *Cecrops* bee :

Cecrops.

Th'euenſt of warre, in time of Peace,
great *Ianus* would forſee.

*Ianus
double
faced.*

When Sun doth ſhine moſt bright in ſkie,
the Crab the Oysters ſnatch.

When *Cyrces* ſang moſt ſweet to ſence,
then was *Vliſſes* catcht.

Thinke how the *Olinthians* towne wastane,
by truſt to *Laſthenes* leaſtes.

Forget not *Babel* great was wonne,
by falſe *Sopyrus* teares.

*The Tro-
ian horſe.*

Thinke on *Troy*, and *Troian* horſe,
by *synon* bought and ſold.

Thinke none might yeeld *Troy-nouant* vp:
but falſe *Androgeus* could.

Since ſecret cankers hidden lie

in *Damask* Roſe vnuowne,

Till ſtormes do come, and Tempeſts riſe,
and Roſe it ſelfe be blowne.

Had *Crœſus* thought on *ſolons* ſaying,
who iudgde himſelfe ſo ſtrong,

Then nothing could king *Crœſus* harme,
nor do king *Crœſus* wrong.

One that lurkē in Egypt long,
whom *Apres* truſted moſt,

*Treafon
often
found in
trufte.*

Such treafon *Apres* found in truſt,
that *Apres* Egypt lost.

The ſwords, the ſhields, the hands, the eyes,
the legges that Kings ſtand on,

Antigonus ſaid, were faithfull friends,
for Kings to ſtand vpon.

The

for the fift of August.

The Starres keepe ranke, the Pole about,
some march, some watch, some ward:
Some range abroad, some turne about,
Some tends the Pole to gard.

Hauē hands abroad, hauē eyes at home,
Search where theſe Serpents be,
Who faine would build, and make their neſts,
in ſome ſacred Cedar Tree.

These Serpents ſought this famous Ile,
the Ile of Bryttaine cal'd:

Should now the Ile of Serpents be,
or the Ile of Satyres stal'd?

So many Ajax fit for warre,
to please a Prince at liſt,

As were Uliſes like for peace,
a Theban Captaine wiſht.

In Rome grew many Captaines great,
fewe Captaines Rome did good:

And Greece had many valiant Greekes,
fewe Greekes with Greece long stood.

When Enuie grew in Greece ſo great,
could Greece on Grecians looke?

When Rome with Romans fought in Rome,
could Rome a Romane brooke?

Oh happie Athens, had Athens more
Aristides like in ſtore:

And twiſe happie Rome had beeſe,
had Rome Fabritius more.

Darius wiſht ſo many friends,
Zopyrus like in ſtore;

As one Pomegranat curnels had, +
Darius wiſht no more.

leſtis &
Semina-
ries.

Enuie
the ene-
mie of
great
States.

Darius
wife.

The Tryumphart Feast

Ten Nestor-like *Agamemnon* wisht,
Agamemnon wisht but so:
Ten like *Æacida* in field with Prince:
what neede a Prince haue mo?
By such we sleepe in quiet peace,
and liue full safe at rest:
And craue of God, which *Chaanan* kept,
that *Brittaine* so be blest:
Where second *Brutus* sits on Throne;
Where *Brutus* third excell:
And *Bryttaine* Great, reuiu'd againe,
which world farre off can tell.

Most liberall gifts I gaue, O King, Jan 1580
If King will credit Penne:
My Heart, my Life, my Loue, my selfe,
my Bookes and children tenne.
But Cæsar may, if Cæsar will,
on me like Cæsar looke,
Make me to sing more sweeter Notes,
then *Stranne*, in *Seuerne Brooke*.

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